

# **Inventory of U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sinks: 1990 – 2001**

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<sup>1</sup> See Article 4(1)(a) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change <<http://www.unfccc.int>>.

<sup>2</sup> See <<http://www.epa.gov/globalwarming/emissions/national>>.